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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, applicants
hereby make of record the following references in the above-
identified application:

Group I:

U.S. Patents

Reiter et al.	3,492,577	Jan-70
Hoarty et al.	5,220,420	Jun-93

Other Documents

M/A-COM, Inc., "Videocipher II Satellite Descrambler Owner's Manual," dated prior to Feb. 1986.

Tech Notes: Product Updates from M/A-COM Cable Home Group, "Videocipher Owner's Manual Update," Issue No. 6, Feb. 1986.

Videocipher Stipulation, May 1996.

Transcript of the Deposition of John Roop, Oct. 1996, pp. 186-187.

Transcript of the Deposition of John Roop, June 2001, p. 608.

Florin et al., Prosecution History of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/082,056 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,621,456), filed June 22, 1993, and the references contained therein.

Group II:

U.S. Patents

Siegle et al.	4,079,419	Mar-78
Jackson	4,081,754	Mar-78
Shussler et al.	4,150,254	Apr-79
Price	4,449,249	May-84
Skeros	4,456,925	Jun-84
Lindman et al.	4,477,830	Oct-84
Greenberg	4,547,804	Oct-85
Filliman	4,595,951	Jun-86
Young	5,151,789	Sep-92
Nemoto	5,214,622	May-93

Foreign Patent Documents

JP	58-137334	Aug-83
JP	61-50470	Mar-86

Other Documents

Hedger J., "Telesoftware: Home Computing Via Broadcast Teletext," IEEE Transactions on Consumer Electronics, vol. CE-25, No. 3, July 1979, pp. 279-287.

Baer, R.H., "Innovative Add-On TV Products," IEEE Transactions on Consumer Electronics, vol. CE-25, Nov. 1979, pp. 765-771.

Karstad, K., "Microprocessor Control for Color-TV Receivers," IEEE Transactions on Consumer Electronics, vol. CE-26, May 1980, pp. 149-155.

Videotext Programmiert Videorecorder, Rundfunktech Mitteilungen, Broadcast Engineering Reports, vol. 26, Nov.- Dec. 1982.

Veith, R.H., "Television's Teletext," Elsevier Science Publishing Co., Inc., 1983, pp. 13-20, 41-51.

Japan Mechanical Engineering Organization Int'l Society for the Advancement of Image Software, "Technological Examination & Basic Investigative Research Report on Image Databases," Japan, Mar. 1988.

"Browsing Within Time-Driven Multimedia Documents," Stavros Chirstodoulakis, Stephen Graham; publication of the Institute for Computer Research, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, Jul. 1988, pp. 219-227.

Jerrold Communications Publication, "Cable Television Equipment," dated 1992 and 1993, pp. 8-2.1 to 8-6 and 8-14.1 to 8-14.3.

Proceedings From The 42nd Annual Convention and Exposition of the NCTA, "Addressable Decoder with Downloadable Operation," June 6-9, 1993, pp. 82-89.

The above-listed Group I references are submitted for the Examiner's consideration. Copies of these references are

transmitted herewith.

Applicants wish to make of record that the above-listed portions of the Oct. 1996 and June 2001 Transcripts of the Deposition of John Roop refer to a system that qualifies as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(g) relative to the present application. The prior art system referred to in these Transcripts was made in this country by another inventor before applicants' date of invention where the inventor did not abandon, suppress, or conceal it. The cited portion of the Oct. 1996 Transcript indicates that the prior art system implemented a grid guide that was positioned so as "to be within the safe display area of the TV set." That is, the grid guide was positioned such that it was completely visible to a viewer regardless of the television set on which the grid guide was displayed. When the grid guide was displayed on-screen, a "frame" of the video for the currently tuned television channel was visible to the user. As indicated by the cited portion of the June 2001 Transcript, the grid guide blocked out "90 percent or more" of the underlying video for the currently tuned television channel. User navigation in the grid guide of the prior art system, and its effect on the currently tuned television program, is illustratively described in Young et al.

U.S. Patent No. 5,479,268, issued December 26, 1995, at col. 7, lines 24-35.

With respect to the Florin Prosecution History, applicants would like to direct the Examiner's attention to:

- (1) the August 8, 1995 Amendment and Response to Office Action (Paper No. 14);
- (2) the August 8, 1995 Declaration of Prior Invention in the United States to Overcome Cited Patent or Publication (37 C.F.R. § 1.131) (Paper No. 15);
- (3) a copy of a videotape, labeled for identification by applicants as "EZTV DEMO;" and
- (4) the November 15, 1995 Examiner's Action (Paper No. 17), which states that the tape had a December 31, 1992 labeling attached to it.

With respect to U.S. Patent Nos. 3,492,577 and 5,220,420, applicants incorrectly stated in the June 12, 2002 Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed in connection with this application that these references were previously cited by or submitted to the Patent Office in U.S. Application No. 08/119,367 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,418,556), from which this application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Applicants did not provide copies of these references with the June 12, 2002 Information Disclosure Statement. To correct this error, applicants have recited these references in this

Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and have transmitted copies of these references herewith.

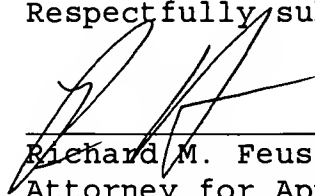
The above-listed Group II references are being submitted to correct typographical and clerical errors in the June 12, 2002 Information Disclosure Statement filed in connection with this application, and to ensure that all references cited by or submitted to the Patent Office in the parent application (U.S. Application No. 08/119,367) are cited in the present application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), no copies of the Group II references accompany this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

The Group I and II references are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate). Applicants request that a copy of the accompanying Form PTO-1449, as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next communication.

It is respectfully requested that the Group I and II references be (1) fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during examination of this application; and (2) printed on any patent which may issue on this application.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this
patent application is respectfully requested.

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